PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Opening of Public Shellfish Fishery Area 138 (Stoddard) — Effective 3/11/19

The Acting Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.02.04.11E, announces that the previously closed section of Public Shellfish Fishery Area (PSFA) 138 will be open to oyster harvest effective 12:01 a.m. March 11, 2019. This area was previously closed by public notice October 1, 2016. The area is described below and will be marked by buoys. The opening was requested by the Charles County oyster committee. The area was planted in 2015 and recent survey work shows the presence of market-sized oysters. PSFAs are described in "Public Shellfish Fishery Areas of the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tidal Tributaries (September 2018)", which is incorporated by reference in COMAR 08.02.04.17.

Special Conditions for This Area:
- Commercial Harvest: No more than 8 bushels of oysters per licensee per day and 16 bushels of oysters per boat per day may be taken from this area or in possession while actively engaged in oyster harvest in this area.
- During the oyster season, described in the Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.04, this area is only open Monday through Friday. It is closed Saturday and Sunday.

All other rules remain in effect.

For any questions or comments contact Frank Marenghi, Shellfish Division at 410-260-8302.

Stoddard (PSFA 138 (NOB 20-5): Wicomico River (West))
The section of PSFA 138 being opened is: All of the waters of the Wicomico River enclosed by a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 38°21.448' N, Long. 76°50.843' W, then running 270° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°21.448' N, Long. 76°51.222' W, then running 0° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°21.719' N, Long. 76°51.221' W, then running 90° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°21.718' N, Long. 76°50.843' W, then running 180° True to the point of beginning.

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